

Claims:

53-101. (CANCELED)

102. (NEW) A photovoltaic device, including a photovoltaic element including a plurality of layers of film, and an envelope, at least a portion of the envelope having a curved profile; wherein the photovoltaic element is comprised of layers of film and is formed on the inside surface of the envelope.

103. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 102, wherein the envelope forms a dome containing the device.

104. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 103, wherein the dome is mounted on a substrate forming a base of the dome.

105. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 102, wherein the envelope is in the form of a sphere.

106. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 102, further including an electronic apparatus mounted within the envelope and being electronically connected to the photovoltaic element, the photovoltaic element being arranged to provide electric power to the electronic apparatus.

107. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 106, the electronic apparatus including a transmitter.

108. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 107 further including an antenna connected to the transmitter, the antenna being formed by a conductive region of the envelope.

109. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim ~~106~~107, further including an antenna connected to the transmitter, the antenna including a conductive member extending outwardly from the envelope.

110. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~ 102, further including an energy storage device.

111. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 110, the energy storage device being in the form of a thin layers formed proximate the layers of the photovoltaic element.

112. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~

~~102.~~ further including a sensor.

113. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 112, the sensor extending outwardly of the envelope.

114. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any preceding claim~~ ~~102.~~ in the form of a mote arranged to provide information about an environment.

115. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 114, the device being enclosed in a resilient cover.

116. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~either claim 114 or claim 115,~~ having an outer shape which is aerodynamic.

117. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of claims claim 114, 115 or 116,~~ further including means for orienting the device.

118. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 117, wherein the orienting means includes a predetermined ~~centre~~center of gravity of the device.

119. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 118, wherein the orienting means includes a projection projecting outwardly of the device.

120. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 117, ~~wherein~~ the orienting means including an adhesive portion on an outer surface of the device.

121. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of claims 102 to 119,~~ the device being mounted on a substrate and being electrically connected to the substrate.

122. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 121, including a channel through the envelope to a conductive layer of the device and a conductor connecting the conductive layer to the substrate.

123. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~either of claim 121 or 122~~ wherein the substrate includes a grid of conductors and the photovoltaic device is electrically connected to the grid.

124. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of claims claim 121 to 123,~~ wherein the substrate includes a depression, and the photovoltaic device is mounted within the depression.

125. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of claims 121 to 124,~~ the substrate including reflective means to reflect radiation incident on the

substrate towards the device.

126. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of the~~
~~preceding claims claim 102~~, wherein the photovoltaic element is a thin film photovoltaic
element.

127. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 126, wherein
the thin film photovoltaic element is a Dye Solar Cell (DSC) element.

128. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 127, wherein an
internal electrode of the DSC element comprises carbon

129. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with claim 127, wherein
the device stores a reservoir of electrolyte to provide an electrolyte supply to an
electrolyte layer of the DSC device.

130. (NEW) ~~A~~The photovoltaic device in accordance with ~~any one of the~~
~~preceding claims claim 102~~, a resilient material being provided within the device to
secure elements of the device and provide mechanical rigidity.

131. ~~(NEW) A photovoltaic device substantially as herein described with~~
~~reference to the accompanying drawings.~~ (NEW) The photovoltaic device
substantially as herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.